

INDIAN HERITAGE TRAIL

The Indian Heritage Trail byway explores a part of North Carolina's rich American Indian heritage. **To begin following the byway from**

its eastern end, travel to Millstone Road (S.R. 1452)

in Richmond County and follow it into Ellerbe. Once known as the "Fair Grounds," Ellerbe received its present name

after W.T. Ellerbe developed the nearby recreational and health facility, Ellerbe Springs.

In Ellerbe, turn right onto U.S. 220 North (Church Street) to follow the byway. With one of the state's most extensive American Indian collections, the Rankin Museum of American Heritage is a quick side trip easily accessible by continuing straight across the intersection of Millstone and Church streets. The museum is two blocks on the left.

Traveling north on U.S. 220 from Ellerbe, motorists will pass through North Carolina's prime peach-growing region. Depending on the season, several fruit and vegetable stands may be open along this section of byway. **Leaving Ellerbe, travel one mile and turn left onto N.C. 73 North.** A N.C. Department of Transportation rest area with picnic

tables is located to the right.

The Historic Ellerbe Springs Inn and Restaurant, home of a once-famous

mineral spring resort and spa, is located one half-mile farther north on U.S. 220. **The byway continues 11.5 miles on N.C. 73 North** through the Piedmont heartland and passes by the

farm of one-time professional wrestler and legend, Andre the Giant. **Turn right onto Indian Mound Road (S.R. 1160) and cross into Montgomery County where the state road number changes to 1542.**

The Town Creek Indian Mound State Historic Site is 1.5 miles on the right. This archeological site was an important ceremonial center for the Creek Indians of the Pee Dee culture, some 300 to 400 years ago. Visitors can tour the reconstructed temples and see various exhibits. **The byway ends where Indian Mound Road intersects with N.C. 731, just east of Mount Gilead.**



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Town Creek Indian Mound



Length: 18 miles
Drive Time: 35 minutes
Counties: Richmond and Montgomery